

RON WRIGHT POST OFFICE
BUILDING

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 3825) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 Melear Drive in Arlington, Texas, as the "Ron Wright Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 3825

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. RON WRIGHT POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 Melear Drive in Arlington, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "Ron Wright Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Ron Wright Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FALLON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 3825, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 Melear Drive in Arlington, Texas, as the Ron Wright Post Office Building.

Former Representative Ron Wright was born on April 8, 1953, in Jacksonville, Texas, and went on to attend the University of Texas at Arlington for 2 years, studying history, psychology, and political science.

From 2000 to 2008, he served on the Arlington City Council and as Mayor Pro-Tem of Arlington from 2004 to 2008. He then served as district director for Congressman Joe Barton for 9 years.

In 2018, Representative Wright ran for Texas' Sixth Congressional District. During his tenure, he served on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the House Committee on Education and Labor.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and service of Representative Wright by naming a Post Office in Arlington, Texas, after him.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 3825, which honors the late Congressman Ron Wright of Texas, a great American and a gentle soul. Many of us in the House of Representatives today served with Congressman Wright in the 116th and 117th Congresses.

A native Texan, Congressman Wright proudly represented Texas' Sixth Congressional District, stretching from Arlington down past Mansfield toward Corsicana. He kept up rigorous work schedules in D.C. and back in Texas, in his district, and he was fondly received; while simultaneously serving in Congress, he was being treated for lung cancer.

Prior to his election to Congress he served North Texans as the Tarrant County Tax Collector, Chief of Staff for Congressman Joe Barton, and Mayor Pro-Tem of the city of Arlington, Texas.

He was reelected to Congress for a second term in November of 2020 but, sadly, died February 7, 2021, just 1 month into this new Congress.

Congressman Wright was a true public servant, a good friend, and a loyal American. I encourage my colleagues to support this bill.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ELLZEY), my good friend, a Naval aviator, a former Texas House member, a Southwest Airlines pilot, a great American, and one heck of a flag football player.

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, I thank Madam Chair for the kind remarks, as well as my friend, Congressman FALLON, for those kind remarks about my predecessor.

It is with a great deal of pride that I get to hear Ron Wright's name spoken on the floor in order to support this renaming. So I rise to address the House in support of S. 3825, designating the United States Postal Service facility located at 3903 Melear Drive in Arlington, Texas, as the Ron Wright Post Office Building.

I thank Senator CORNYN for authoring this bill, as well as my friend, Senator CRUZ, for cosponsoring.

Congressman Ron Wright dedicated his life to the people of Texas. While starting his career working for Ceramic Cooling, it did not take him long to begin serving his community.

In 2000, he was elected to the city council in Arlington, Texas. During that time, he served as Congressman Joe Barton's district director and later, as his Chief of Staff. From there, he was appointed Tarrant County Tax Assessor Collector, where he served from 2011 to 2018, before beating me and getting elected to Congress.

Congressman Wright was a pillar in the community that he served, and there is not an event in Tarrant Coun-

ty in which his name is not mentioned today.

So I thank Ron for all that he has done for the people of Texas and for the people of the United States. We will all miss Ron; and I hope that Susan, his bride, and his children and grandchildren will take a great deal of pride in the fact that this will be named after him. He was a gentleman and a gentle man, and we will all miss him.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I encourage all of our colleagues to support this bill honoring a loyal, public servant, and as Representative ELLZEY just said, a gentleman and a gentle man, Ron Wright.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I urge passage of S. 3825, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3825, led by Senator CORNYN in the Senate, to name a Post Office in Arlington in honor of my dear friend, former Congressman Ron Wright, who was sadly taken from us last year as he served his second term as a member of this body.

Congressman Wright had a passion for public service. He served as the District Director and Chief of Staff to another dear friend of mine, former Congressman Joe Barton, before stepping into the spotlight and utilizing the valuable experience he gained in local government to be the face of the federal government to hundreds of thousands of North Texans residing in Tarrant, Ellis, and Navarro Counties. He worked hard as a staffer and member to be a positive force and ensure bills passed in Congress that he believed would benefit the constituents of the Sixth Congressional district of Texas, regardless of politics or party affiliation.

Having a Post Office named after Congressman Wright in Arlington, where he's spent so much of his life, from attending the University of Texas at Arlington to serving on the Arlington City Council, is a fitting way to honor the life and legacy of a public servant who has meant and done so much for his community. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation so President Biden can sign this into law.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 3825.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair